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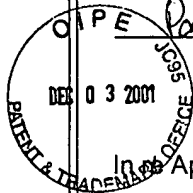
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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR EFFICIENTLY DELIVERING DATA TO A PLURALITY OF DESTINATIONS IN A COMPUTER NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1
The present invention relates to methods and systems for efficiently delivering data to a plurality of destinations in a computer network. More particularly, the present invention relates to methods and systems for efficiently computing checksums on data to be delivered to a plurality of destinations in a computer network.

REMARKS

The amendment corrects an informality in the application as filed and does not add any new matter.